

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1185

Introduced by Assembly Member Lieu

February 27, 2009

An act to amend Section 103425 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to birth certificates.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1185, as introduced, Lieu. Birth certificates: new issuance: venue.

Under existing law, whenever a person born in this state has undergone surgical treatment for the purpose of altering his or her sexual characteristics to those of the opposite sex, a new birth certificate may be prepared reflecting the change of gender and any change of name. A petition for the issuance of a new birth certificate is permitted to be filed in the superior court of the county in which the petitioner resides.

This bill would also permit the petition to be filed in the superior court of the county in which the petitioner was born.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 103425 of the Health and Safety Code
- 2 is amended to read:
- 3 103425. Whenever a person born in this state has undergone
- 4 surgical treatment for the purpose of altering his or her sexual
- 5 characteristics to those of the opposite sex, a new birth certificate
- 6 may be prepared for the person reflecting the change of gender
- 7 and any change of name accomplished by an order of a court of

1 this state, another state, the District of Columbia, or any territory
2 of the United States. A petition for the issuance of a new birth
3 certificate in those cases shall be filed with the superior court of
4 the county where the petitioner resides *or the county in which the*
5 *petitioner was born.*

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